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SUBJECT: U.S.-VIETNAMESE RELATIONS

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1. ON FEBRUARY 25 AT APPROXIMATELY 1200 EST WE WILL
ANNOUNCE THAT HANOI HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE A PRESIDENTIAL
COMMISSION TO DISCUSS MISSING IN ACTION AND EXCHANGE VIEWS

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ON OTHER MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN. ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE
ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

BEGIN SUMMARY:

DURING THE PRESIDENT'S CAMPAIGN AND AFTERWARD, HE EXPRESSED
DEEP CONCERN ABOUT OUR MIA'S. IN KEEPING WITH THAT CONCERN
HE IS SENDING A PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION OF DISTINGUISHED
AMERICANS TO SOUTHEAST ASIA FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING
HIM IN SEEKING AN ACCOUNTING FOR THE PERSONNEL.

THE 5-MEMBER COMMISSION WILL BE HEADED BY LEONARD WOODCOCK,
FORMERLY PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED AUTO WORKERS. THE
COMMISSION WILL GO TO HANOI TO MEET WITH VIETNAMESE REPRE-
SENTATIVES TO SEEK INFORMATION ON OUR PERSONNEL, INCLUDING
THE RETURN OF RECOVERABLE REMAINS, AND TO REVIEW OTHER

ASPECTS OF OUR MUTUAL RELATIONS. HANOI HAS AGREED TO
ACCEPT THE COMMISSION'S VISIT. UPON ITS RETURN THE
COMMISSION WILL REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT PERSONALLY SO THAT
HE MAY DECIDE WHAT FURTHER STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN. WE ARE
ALSO IN CONTACT WITH THE LAO PEOPLES DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
TO ARRANGE A SIMILAR VISIT TO THAT COUNTRY.

THIS IS A FURTHER STEP WE ARE TAKING TO PUT THE INDOCHINA
CONFLICT BEHIND US AND TO ESTABLISH MORE NORMAL RELATIONS
BETWEEN OURSELVES AND THE COUNTRIES OF THAT AREA. WE
HOPE WE WILL SOON HAVE THE ACCOUNTING THAT WE SEEK SO THAT
THIS HUMANITARIAN PROBLEM CAN BE BROUGHT TO AN HONORABLE
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CONCLUSION.

END SUMMARY.

2. AS A FOLLOW-UP TO YOUR APPROACH (REFTEL) YOU SHOULD
INFORM THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF YOUR HOST GOVERNMENT OF
THE ABOVE AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO THE PLANNED TIME OF THE
ANNOUNCEMENT. YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT THE PRESIDENT
WISHES THIS INFORMATION HELD VERY CLOSELY UNTIL IT IS
ANNOUNCED. AT YOUR DISCRETION, YOU MAY ADD THAT WE IN-
TEND TO CONTINUE TO KEEP THEM INFORMED AS APPROPRIATE
OF KEY DEVELOPMENTS ON THIS ISSUE.

3. FOR MOSCOW AND PEKING: DEPARTMENT IS NOTIFYING
SOVIET EMBASSY AND PRCLO HERE IN WASHINGTON.

4. FOR USNATO: PLEASE INFORM SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS
AND ALL PERMREPS OF THE ABOVE IN APPROPRIATE AND
CONFIDENTIAL MANNER IN LATE AFTERNOON YOUR TIME,

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